

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

**Applicant:** Akira NISHIJIMA et al.

**Title:** CONTACT FOR VACUUM INTERRUPTER, AND VACUUM  
INTERRUPTER USING SAME

**Appl. No.:** Unassigned

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**Examiner:** Unassigned

**Art Unit:** Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present divisional application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: